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PLASTIC MAN in THE MAN IN THE FIERY DISGUISE

PLAS, DON'T GET BURNED UP, NOW! K-KEEP COOL AND T-TRY TO THINK HOW TO S-SAVE US!

THOSE DARING NBI AGENTS, PLASTIC MAN AND HIS PUDGY PAL, WOOZY WINKS, HAVE ENCOUNTERED SOME HORRIBLE MENACES IN THEIR LONG AND ARDUOUS CAREERS! BUT NO HORROR OF THE PAST COULD COMPARE TO THE FIENDISH LAVA MAN! WHAT CHANCE DID EVEN PLAS HAVE AGAINST A MONSTER WHOSE LIGHTEST TOUCH COULD MELT STEEL LIKE BUTTER?

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RIGHT AWAY, CHIEF!

WOOZY, DROP WHATEVER YOU'RE DOING! WE'VE GOT TO GET TO THE NBI OFFICE AT ONCE!

BUT, PLAS..

DON'T "BUT" ME, WOOZY WINKS! I SAID *DROP IT RIGHT NOW!* THIS IS AN EMERGENCY!

OKAY! IF YOU INSIST, PLAS..!

BUT I THINK IT'S A SHAMEFUL WASTE OF GOOD FOOD!

OH, FOR PITY'S SAKE!

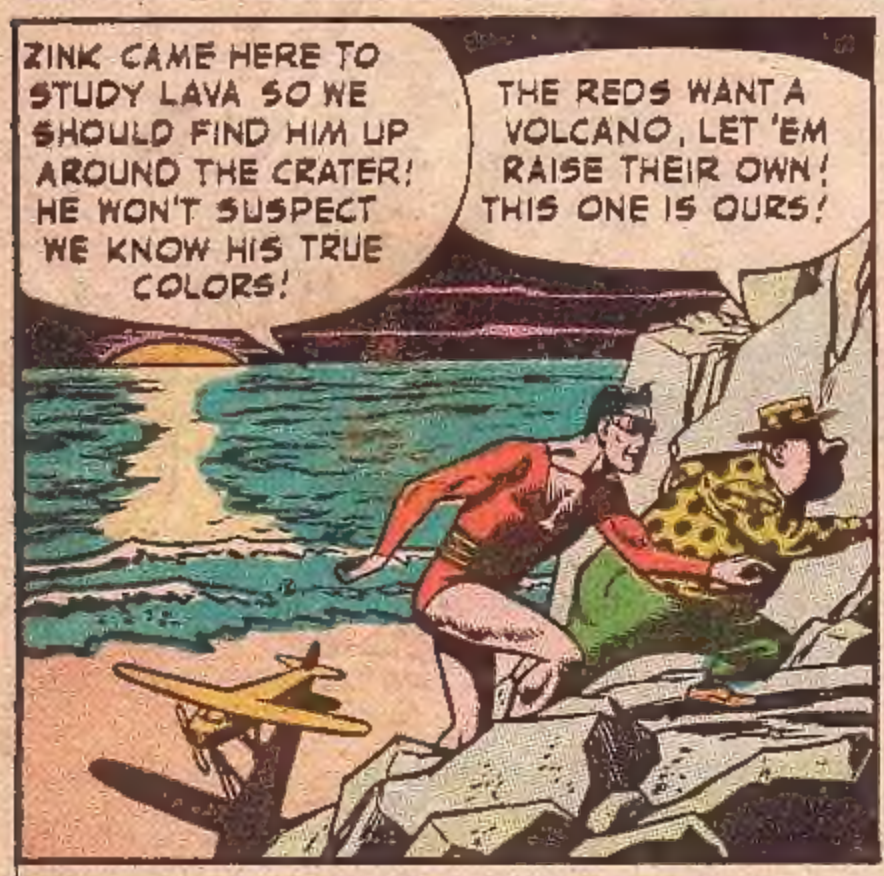
CLATTER!

CRRASH!

WHAT'S UP, CHIEF? YOU SAID IT CONCERNED DR. ZINK, THE VOLCANOLOGIST WHO'S THE LEADING AUTHORITY ON VOLCANOES!
AND ON TREASON, TOO, IT APPEARS! THIS IS A FRIGHTFUL MESS!

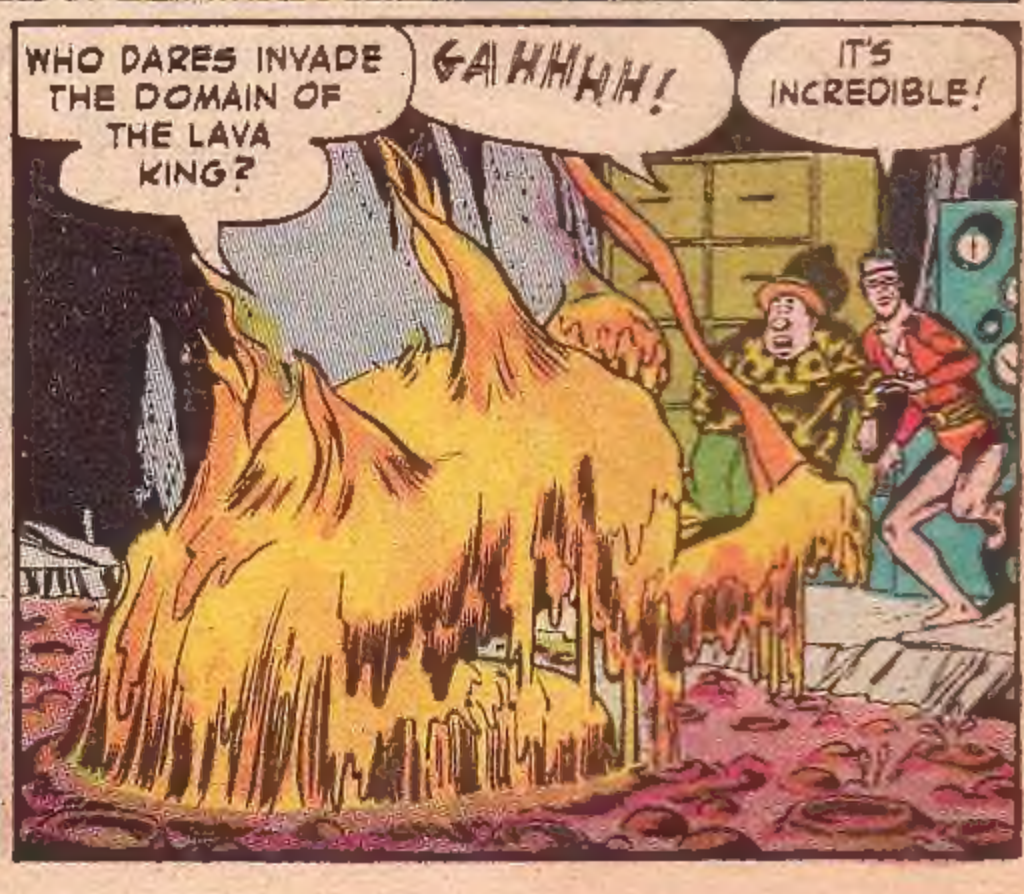
WE OKAYED A TRIP TO GUAP ISLAND FOR ZINK AND SOME NEW DISCOVERY OF HIS! NOW WE TURN UP THE INFORMATION THAT HE'S SECRETLY IN LEAGUE WITH THE REDS!
OH, OH! HE MAY BE MEETING RED AGENTS AT GUAP TO HAND OVER HIS SECRET! WE'D BETTER FLY THERE FAST!

LATE THE NEXT AFTERNOON ...
GEE, PLAS, WHAT DO WE DO IF THAT VOLCANO STARTS ERUPTING? GUAP IS TOO SMALL TO HIDE ON!
WE HOPE IT DOESN'T ERUPT BEFORE WE CAN ARREST ZINK AND FLY HIM AND HIS EQUIPMENT HOME, WOOZY!


ZINK CAME HERE TO STUDY LAVA SO WE SHOULD FIND HIM UP AROUND THE CRATER! HE WON'T SUSPECT WE KNOW HIS TRUE COLORS!
THE REDS WANT A VOLCANO, LET 'EM RAISE THEIR OWN! THIS ONE IS OURS!

HERE'S HIS HEADQUARTERS, BUT I DON'T SEE ANY SIGN OF ZINK!
HE'D BETTER HURRY! I DON'T LIKE GETTING CHUMMY WITH A VOLCANO THAT MIGHT BLOW UP AT ANY MOMENT!

I WONDER WHAT THIS GADGET IS FOR!
YI-I-I-I-I! P-P-PLAS!


WHO DARES INVADE THE DOMAIN OF THE LAVA KING?
GAHHHH!
IT'S INCREDIBLE!

ER.. WE WERE LOOKING FOR PROFESSOR ZINK, THE MAN WHO BROUGHT THESE INSTRUMENTS!

I CAN SHOW YOU EXACTLY WHERE HE WENT..

.. DOWN IN THAT POOL TO FEED MY HUNGRY FLAME! NOW I'LL SEND *YOU* DOWN TO LOOK FOR HIM!

P-PLAS, T-TELL HIM W-WE'VE CHANGED OUR MINDS! LET THE R-REDS L-LOOK FOR ZINK IF THEY WANT HIM!

STAY BACK! WHETHER YOU'RE MAN OR MONSTER, WE DON'T WANT ANY TROUBLE!

WHEN I GET CLOSER, YOUR TROUBLES WILL BE OVER!

YI-I-I! THAT STEEL IS MELTING LIKE B-BUTTER!

SO WILL WE IF WE DON'T ESCAPE! I'M ALREADY STARTING TO SAG!

COME ON, PLAS! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

I'LL .. MAKE IT.. SOMEHOW! THIS HEAT ... IS TERRIFIC!

WOOZY..!

EEAAAA OWOOF!

WOOZY'S KNOCKED HIMSELF OUT! I CAN'T ABANDON HIM TO THE MERCY OF THIS MOLTEN MONSTER!

I ONLY WANT TO BE FRIENDS! COME, TAKE MY HAND, PLASTIC MAN! HA-HA!

MY ONLY.. CHANCE.. MUST CUT DOWN... TERRIBLE.. HEAT!

HEY! CUT THAT OUT!

AS THE COOLER NIGHT AIR IS DRAWN IN BY PLASTIC MAN'S WINDMILL HANDS, HIS OWN STRENGTH RETURNS!

AHHH, THAT BREEZE! I FEEL LIKE A NEW MAN!

EEEOW! STOP IT! YOU'RE CHILLING ME TOO FAST! I MIGHT CRACK!

PERSONALLY, I THINK YOU'RE ALREADY *CRACKED*, DR. ZINK!

OOOO! WHAT HIT ME? WHO..?

I'M DIZZY.. OOPS!

WOOZY! LOOK OUT!

MUCH OBLIGED, FATSO!

YOU WON'T TRICK ME AGAIN!

GEE, I'M SORRY, PLAS, BUT I COULDN'T HELP IT! I GET DIZZY WHEN I DON'T EAT REGULARLY!

CHEW YOUR NAILS WHILE I FIGURE SOME NEW WAY TO TRAP ZINK! NOW HE'S WISE TO US! IT WON'T BE SIMPLE!

BUT HOW COULD HE LIVE IN THAT MOLTEN LAVA, PLAS?

HIS SECRET WAS OBVIOUSLY A HEAT-PROOF PLASTIC SUIT, DESIGNED ORIGINALLY FOR CLOSER STUDY OF MOLTEN LAVA!

IF THE REDS EVER GOT THAT SUIT THEIR SOLDIERS COULD SNEER AT NAPALM BOMBS AND FLAME THROWERS! WE MUST KEEP THEM FROM GETTING IT!

YOU ARE TOO LATE, CAPITALIST!

OUR SUBMARINE WAITS OFF SHORE NOW TO TAKE THE SECRET TO MOSCOW! YOU WILL GO ALONG AS OUR PRISONERS!

NO THANKS OLD CHAP, BUT WE HAVE A PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENT!

YOU COME ALONG AS OUR PRISONERS!

EEEAAHH!

TRY TO SHOVE ME IN A SUB, WILL YOU?

I'VE HEARD ABOUT THE KIND OF FOOD YOU REDS SERVE!

YI-I-I!

BOY, PLAS, WE CLEANED THESE MUGS IN A HURRY, DIDN'T WE?

BUT WE HAVEN'T SOLVED OUR BASIC PROBLEM.. HOW TO TRAP DR. ZINK IN HIS HEATPROOF SUIT!

WE'LL LEAVE THESE THUGS HERE FOR A WHILE AND TAKE A LITTLE PLANE TRIP, WOOZY! I HAVE AN IDEA!

OKAY, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE A FUNNY TIME TO GO JOYRIDING!

WHERE ARE WE GOING, PLAS?

UP, WOOZY.. AS NEAR THE SUBSTRATOSPHERE AS THIS PLANE WILL CLIMB! FORTUNATELY THERE ARE HEAVY CLOUDS TONIGHT!

BRR! FIRST I NEARLY DIED OF H-HEAT -- AND N-NOW I'M F-FREEZING TO D-DEATH!

IT'S ALWAYS COLD IN THE SUBSTRATOSPHERE, WOOZY! THAT'S WHAT I'M BANKING ON!

BY AGITATING A RAIN CLOUD IN THIS FREEZING TEMPERATURE, I'M TURNING RAINDROPS TO SNOW!

A COLD SNOWBALL DUMPED ON A HOT VOLCANO OUGHT TO PRODUCE SOME INTERESTING EFFECTS, WOOZY!

I'M SCARED, PLAS! THAT THING MAY GO OFF ANY MINUTE!

IF WE GET THE DESIRED RESULT, WE CAN BE AWAY IN TIME!

GAHHHH! LEMME OUTA HERE! THE MOUNTAIN'S FILLING WITH STEAM! IT'S ABOUT TO BLOW UP!

DON'T TRY TO STOP ME NOW! WE'LL ALL BE KILLED!

OH, YOU'RE JUST FEVERISH, PROFESSOR ZINK ...

A HANDFUL OF SNOW WILL COOL YOU OFF!

YIIII

SIZZZZZZ

ZZZZZZ

SSSSPPTTTTT

GAHHHH! NOW K-KEEP AWAY FROM ME!

I'LL TEACH YOU TO FLICK HOT LAVA IN MY FACE WHEN MY BACK IS TURNED, YOU WALKING BLOWTORCH!

TAKE THAT!

YOU'VE SPOKEN FOR BOTH OF US, WOOZY! GET HIM IN THE PLANE AND GET OFF THIS ISLAND FAST!

THERE'S THAT RED SUB, PLAS! I WISH WE DIDN'T HAVE TO LEAVE THAT!

WE'VE DONE ABOUT ALL WE CAN, WOOZY! AT LEAST THEY'RE FRESH OUT OF A SUB COMMANDER!

THE MOUNTAIN BLEW UP!

IT'S THROWING ROCK RIGHT AT THE SUB!

A GREAT JOB, BOYS! I'LL BUY YOU A DINNER AT THE NEW TURKISH DELIGHT CAFE TO SHOW MY APPRECIATION!

DINNER! OH, BOY, LET'S GO! I'M STARVED!

Y!-!-!-!! TAKE THAT FIRE AWAY! I'M GONNA EAT MY DINNER IN AN ICE CREAM PARLOR!

MENU
FLAMING SWORD DINNERS

BIG TOP

I GAVE WOOZY A JOB WHILE HE'S ON VACATION! HE JUST PHONED AND SAID HE HAD SOMETHING FOR OUR SHOW!

WONDER WHAT IT IS!

MAYBE SOME NEW KIND OF SAVAGE WILD MAN!

OR MAYBE DOWN AT THE DOCKS HE PICKED UP A TWO-HEADED, HOWLIN' HYENA OR AN ALBINO, BEARDED LADY OR SOMETHIN'!

HOW DO YOU LIKE IT, BOSS?

??... WHAT IN BLAZES *IS* IT?

JUST ABOUT THE RAREST THING IN THE WHOLE WORLD-- A PREHISTORIC FLYING LIZARD'S EGG! IT'S EXTINCT, TOO!

IT'S **THAT**, ALL RIGHT!

BUT WHAT THE HECK KIND OF ATTRACTION IS *THAT* FOR A SIDE SHOW?

JUST A SILLY *EGG*... PHOOEY!

OUR CUSTOMERS DON'T PAY TO COME IN AND GAZE AT *EGGS!* THEY WANT SOME *THRILLS AND ACTION!*

THE BOSS IS RIGHT... THERE CERTAINLY AIN'T MUCH THRILL OR INTEREST IN JUST OGLING A DOPY OLD EGG---

-OR NO *ACTION*, EITHER, DANG IT!

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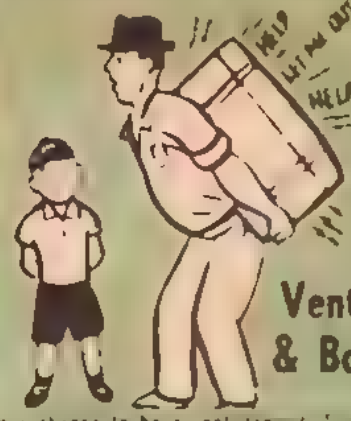

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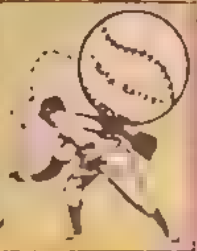

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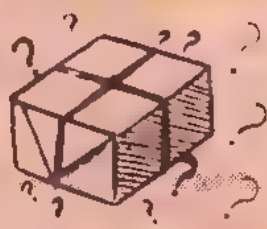

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PLASTIC MAN

PLAS! PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER! YOU CAN OUT-BOUNCE THAT BOUNCING DR. BOUNCE!

HA! HA! HA! PLASTIC MAN HAS MET HIS FLEXIBLE MATCH! I'VE GOT MORE BOUNCE TO THE OUNCE--AND A LOT MORE OUNCES!

YOU TOO...CAN SWALLOW A STRANGE CONCOCTION AND BECOME PLASTIC...OR AT LEAST, THAT'S WHAT DOC BOUNCE THOUGHT, AND HE EXPERIMENTED UNTIL HE GOT RESULTS! MAYBE THE RESULTS WEREN'T EXACTLY WHAT HE FIGURED ON, BUT THEY WERE STARTLING ENOUGH TO MAKE THINGS RUGGED FOR ACE N.B.I. AGENTS, PLASTIC MAN AND WOOZY, WHEN THEY TRIED TO BAT DOWN...

The BOUNDING BANDIT!

OUR STORY BEGINS IN A LITTLE DRUG STORE NOT FAR FROM F.B.I. HEADQUARTERS...

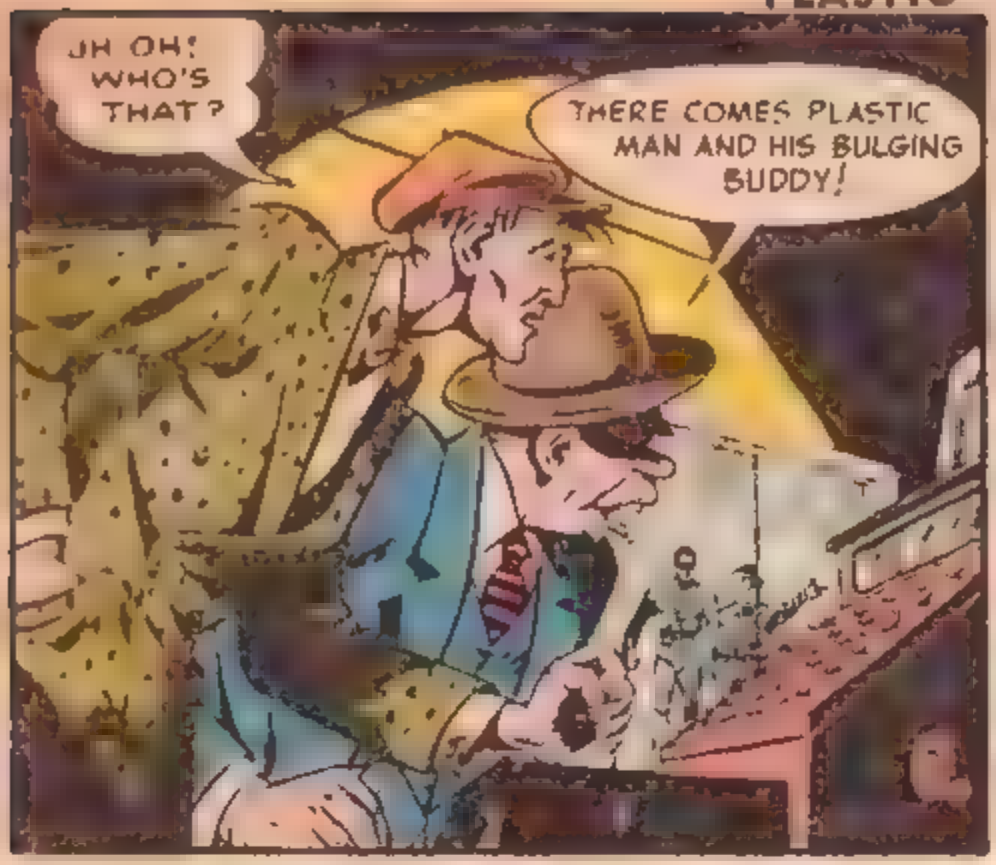
HERE YOU ARE, GENTLEMEN--ONE POUND OF SODASTIC ACETYLACTITE! THAT WILL BE $4.98!

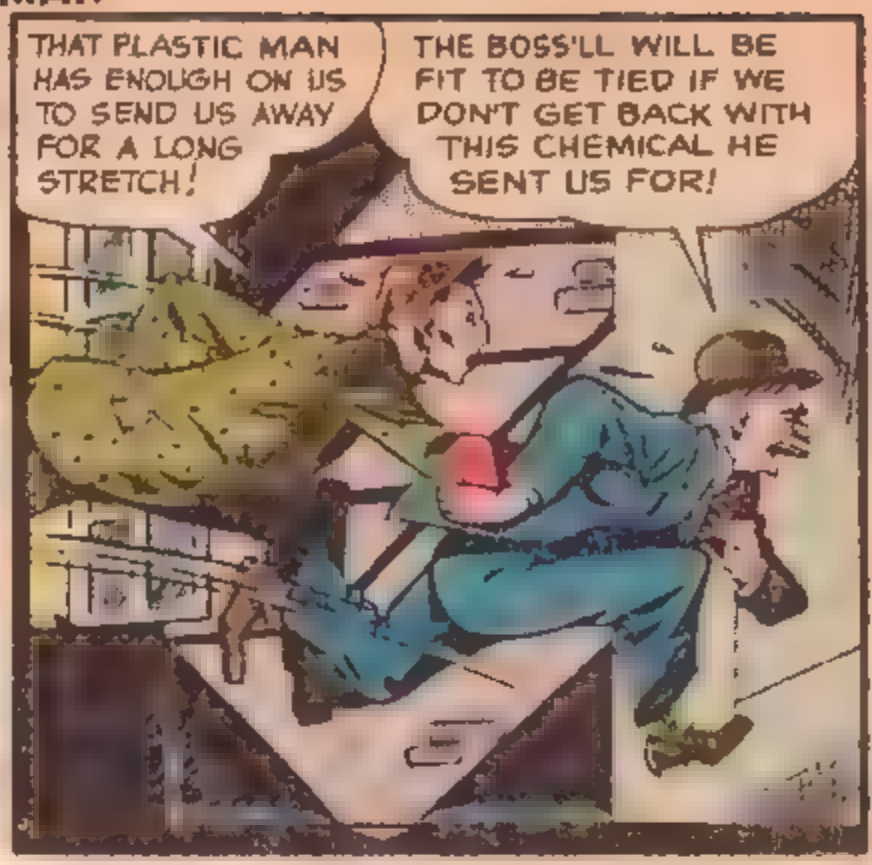
PAY THE GENNULMAN!

A PLEASURE, SLICK!

MUST YOU RESORT TO VIOLENCE?

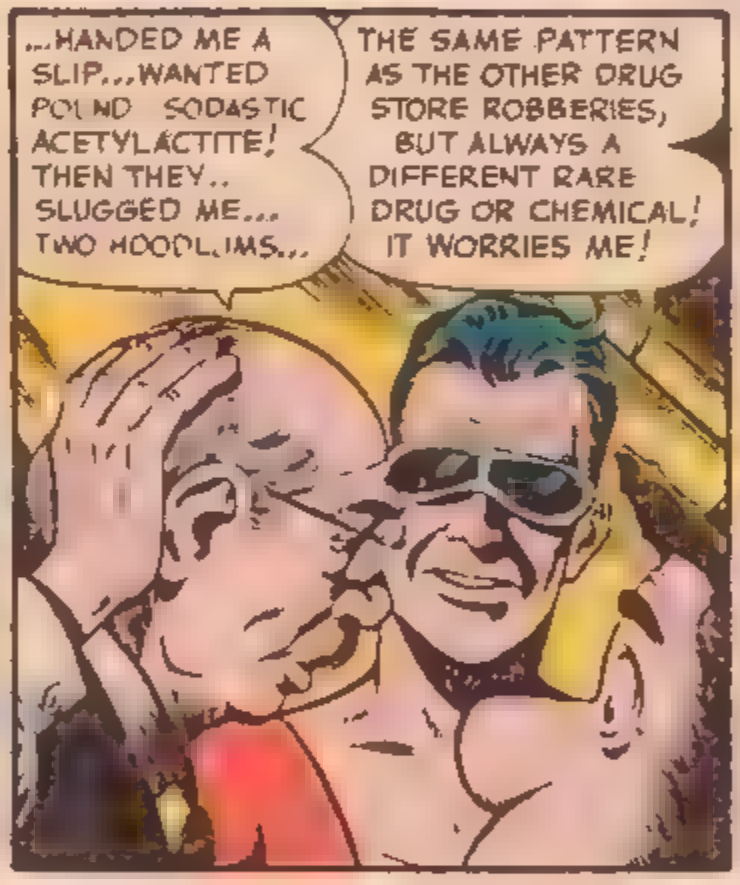
PLASTIC MAN



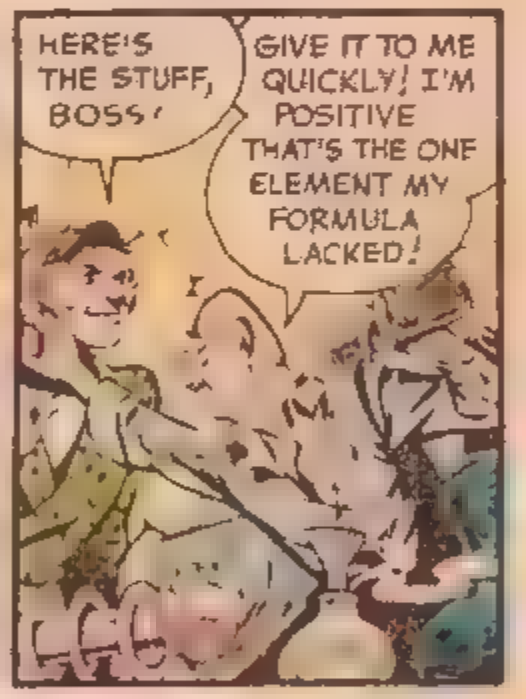

THAT PLASTIC MAN HAS ENOUGH ON US TO SEND US AWAY FOR A LONG STRETCH!
THE BOSS'LL WILL BE FIT TO BE TIED IF WE DON'T GET BACK WITH THIS CHEMICAL HE SENT US FOR!

WHILE INSIDE THE STORE...

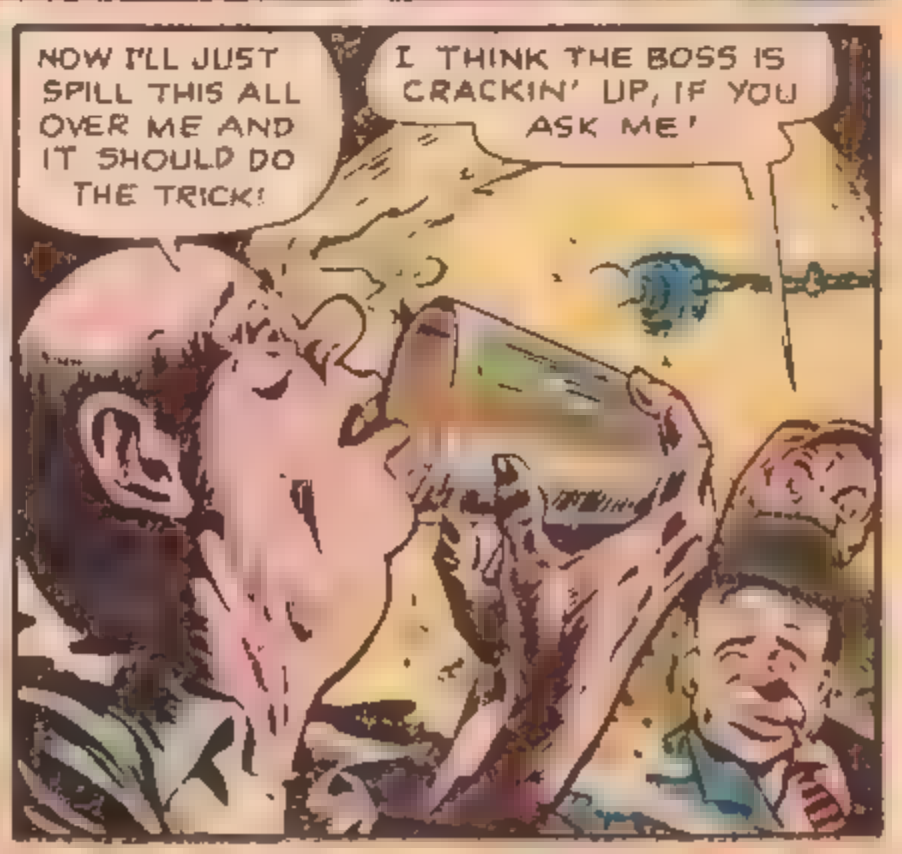
I'M ANNOYED, WOOZY! IF YOU HADN'T GONE CHASING AFTER THOSE TWO GIRLS, WE MIGHT HAVE CAUGHT THE DRUG STORE BANDITS RED-HANDED!
AW, PLAS, I GUESS I'M JUST A WEAK LOTHARIO AT HEART!


...HANDED ME A SLIP...WANTED POUND SODASTIC ACETYLACTITE! THEN THEY.. SLUGGED ME... TWO HOODLUMS...
THE SAME PATTERN AS THE OTHER DRUG STORE ROBBERIES, BUT ALWAYS A DIFFERENT RARE DRUG OR CHEMICAL! IT WORRIES ME!

MAYBE IT WOULD WORRY PLASTIC MAN EVEN MORE IF HE COULD SEE THE DESTINATION OF THE DRUG AT THAT MOMENT!



LOOK, BOSS, ARE YOU SURE THE FORMULA YOU INVENTED IS SAFE TO TAKE? WHAT IF IT DON'T WORK?
WORK? IT'S GOTTA WORK! THIS WILL GIVE ME THE SAME PROPERTIES AS PLASTIC MAN! THEN I CAN DEFEAT THAT INDIA RUBBER MAN!



PLASTIC MAN

HE-HE-HO HO

YUM! IT'S DOIN' SLOWLY TO HIM, AND THAT'S FOR SURE!

HE'S BLOWIN' HIS STACK! I'M GETTIN' OUTA HERE! WHO WANTS A BOSS THAT REMINDS ME OF PLASTIC MAN, ANYHOW?

YELP YELP YELP

DID I HEAR MY NAME BANDIED ABOUT IN LOOSE CONVERSATION?

EEEOOW!! OUT THE WINDOW--QUICK!

YIPE! WE'RE SURROUNDED!

I OUGHTA SLUG YOU TWO! THAT DRUGGIST MADE THE BEST CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICH IN TOWN AND NOW HE'S IN THE HOSPITAL FOR A WEEK!

I'M CURIOUS ABOUT THAT MYSELF!

DOC! DOC! FIND OUT QUICK IF THE STUFF WORKED! YOU SURE NEED IT NOW!

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

UH! UH! UH! IT'S NO USE! I'VE FAILED AGAIN! MY ARMS WON'T STRETCH AN INCH!

OH, FOR PITY'S SAKE! IS THAT WHAT'S BEHIND THESE DRUG STORE THEFTS--A CRACKPOT EFFORT TO BECOME PLASTIC LIKE ME? I CAN GIVE YOU A LONG STRETCH... IN JAIL!

JUST WAIT! I'LL HIT THE FORMULA YET AND...

EEEOOW! WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?

GRAWWK! YOU'RE SWELLING UP LIKE A HIPPO, BOSS! YOU'RE BIG AND FAT ALL OF A SUDDEN, DOC!

PLASTIC MAN

THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR MONKEYING WITH RARE DRUGS, DOC! AS SOON AS THAT DRUGGIST IDENTIFIED YOUR MEN I KNEW YOU WERE UP TO SOMETHING!

JUST TRY SOMETHING, YOU TWO! THE HUNGRIER I GET, THE MADDER I GET!

IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT, YOU DUMB APES!

YEAH? IF WE'D TIED UP WITH ANYBODY BUT A SCREWBALL LIKE YOU, WE'D AT LEAST HAVE HAD DOUGH TO SPEND! I OUGHTA ---

IN FACT, I'M GONNA-

HERE, HERE...

WHAT TH...?

HEY'...LIKE TAPPIN' A BALLOON!

I *BOUNCE!* I'M BOUNCY PLASTIC INSTEAD OF STRETCHY PLASTIC!

COME BACK HERE, YOU TWO-LEGGED JACK RABBIT!

WEEEE! I'VE GOT MORE BOUNCE TO THE POUND THAN PLASTIC MAN NOW! I'M BOUND TO BE RICH! *HEH! HEH! HEH!*

WHAT ARE WE WAITIN' FOR? LET'S SCRAM OUTA HERE!

WE CAN WAIT FOR HIM AT THE OTHER HIDEOUT! C'MON!

HEY!

OOOFF!

OWW!

PLASTIC MAN

OOPS! I DIDN'T SEE THAT OVER-HEAD WIRE OR... HEY!

WHY DON'T YOU WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING, BUD!

FINE PAIR OF CROOK CATCHERS WE TURNED OUT TO BE! THE CHIEF'LL HAVE PLENTY TO SAY TO US!

AND I'LL HAVE PLENTY TO DO TO THAT PAIR WHEN WE CATCH 'EM, PLAS! GRRR... MAKE A DOORMAT OUTA WOOZY WINKS, WILL THEY?

YOU HAD THAT MEDICATED MENACE AND LET HIM BOUNCE RIGHT OUT OF YOUR HANDS! JUST CLUMSY THAT'S ALL!

WE'LL NAIL THEM ALL, CHIEF! I PROMISE IT WON'T BE LONG!

BUT PLASTIC MAN IS OVERLY OPTIMISTIC! ONLY A FEW HOURS LATER A WEIRD NEW CRIME WAVE STRIKES THE CITY!

I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE PEOPLE! YOU GRAB THE DOUGH!

HOT DARN! WE SURE PICKED US A PRIZE FOR A BOSS! HE CAN EVEN OUT-BOUNCE PLASTIC MAN!

ATTABOY! WE'LL TAKE OVER NOW!

THAT EVENING, AT THE ULTRA-SNOOTY VAN PIFFINGTON'S PENTHOUSE PARTY.

MY DIAMONDS!

MY PEARLS!

OOFF!

MY HEART!

MY GOSH! JUMPY FELLOW, EH WOT?

WILL YOU QUIT THAT BOUNCING, DOC! YOU MAKE ME NERVOUS! COME HELP DIVIDE THE LOOT!

I LIKE TO BOUNCE, *HEH, HEH!* I'M LIKE A RUBBER BALL PLASTIC MAN CAN'T BOUNCE! WE'LL HAVE FAME AND FORTUNE!

MONEY

WHILE IN THE N.B.I. OFFICE, FAR INTO THE SMALL HOURS OF MORNING...

NOBODY KNOWS WHERE HIS HIDEOUT IS OR WHERE HE'LL STRIKE NEXT! THIS IS DRIVING ME NUTS! HE BOUNCES RIGHT OVER HIGH BUILDINGS!

CHIEF! YOU'VE JUST GIVEN ME THE IDEA THAT WILL BOUNCE THAT RUBBER RASCAL RIGHT INTO OUR HANDS!

IF WE CAN BZZ... BZZZ BZZZ...

IT MIGHT JUST WORK AT THAT! I'LL CALL THE PAPERS AT ONCE AND PLANT THE STORY!

AND EARLY THE NEXT MORNING...

WOW! A MILLION BUCKS WORTH OF ICE AND THEY'RE GONNA HAUL IT IN AN ARMORED CAR TO FOOL DOC BOUNCE!

IT SAYS THEY'LL MOVE THE JEWELS AT TEN THIS MORNING! LET'S GO!

CHRONICAL

AND PROMPTLY AT TEN O'CLOCK...

HERE IT IS! GET IT LOCKED INSIDE QUICK, BEFORE DR BOUNCE BOUNCES AFTER IT!

LET HIM BOUNCE! I AIN'T AFRAID OF NO RUBBER ROBBER!

WAMTHER

SUDDENLY..

WERE YOU GENTLEMEN TALKING ABOUT ME, BY ANY CHANCE?

Y!!!!!! GET BACK Y-YOU! S-STAY AW-WAY!

BATTER UP!

WOW! LOOK AT THE GLITTER!

NOW NOW I'M WARNING YOU

WELL...I WARNED YOU!

HA HA—HO HO HA HA H-H-HUH?

EEEEOOOO

PLASTIC MAN

IT WAS A TRAP BUT IT WON'T CATCH ME! I'M BOUNDING OUT OF HERE!

DOC! HALP!

YEEOW

I CAN'T STOP MYSELF!

FAIR CATCH BUT A FOUL BALL!

EEEAH! LEMME OUTA HERE!

C-C-CUT IT OU-OU-OUT! I'M G-G-GETTING D-D-DIZZY!

ATTABOY, PLAS! I SEE YOU TAUGHT HIM NOT TO MAKE MONKEYS OUT OF US!

HE DID JUST WHAT I EXPECTED, WOOZY, BOUNCED OVER THE NEAREST BUILDING WITHOUT LOOKING TO SEE WHAT HE MIGHT LAND ON!

OWW! THAT HURTS! I THINK MY PLASTICITY IS WEARING OFF!

THAT'S TOO BAD! I WAS GOING TO ARRANGE FOR YOJ TO PLAY ON THE PRISON FOOTBALL TEAM! YOU CAN BE THE FOOTBALL!

THE EFFECT OF HIS DRUG IS DEFINITELY WEARING OFF AND HE CAN'T REMEMBER HOW HE MADE IT! THE MENACE IS ENDED!

IT JUST GOES TO PROVE--THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE PLASTIC MAN... AND WOOZY WINKS!

WOOZY

THAT'S A TERRIFIC RHUMBA!

WHAT RHUMBA? MY LONG UNDERWEAR'S CREEPING UP!

ZOW-- ZOW-- ZOWIE!

SHE'S B-B-BEAUTIFUL! I'VE GOTTA MEET HER! SHE'S PROBABLY A DANCE HOSTESS!

ROSELANE

GLUMP

THLUMP

GROAN... BUT I CAN'T DANCE!

THAT'S IT! I'LL LEARN HOW TO DANCE! THEN I CAN MEET MY GORGEOUS DREAM BOAT!

MADAME LA RHUMBA DANCE SCHOOL TANGO-MAMBA

SNAP

I'LL BET THEY'VE GOT BEAUTIFUL TEACHERS IN HERE, TOO!

MADAME LA RHUMBA

HELLO, SWEETIE! I'M MADAM LA RHUMBA!

GULP! I--I DIDN'T KNOW DANCING WENT THAT FAR BACK!

NONSENSE SWEETIE! DO YOU WANT LESSONS?

WELL-- ULP... I THOUGHT I DID, BUT NOW I-- I--

OHH, YOU DARLING MAN! I'LL MAKE YOU ANOTHER RUDOLPH VALENTINO!

BUT I--

FOR YOU MY LESSONS WILL BE HALF PRICE! ONLY TEN DOLLARS AN HOUR!

FOR *THAT* I COULD LEARN FROM GINGER ROGERS!

PLASTIC MAN

THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF! I'VE GOT YOU, YOU BIG HANDSOME BRUTE!
THAT'S WHAT I'M AFRAID OF!
HEY!
NOW I'LL TEACH YOU THE TANGO! THE DANCE OF LOVE!
GROAN! I TANGO GO HOME!
OR WOULD YOU RATHER TRY THE LINDY HOP.. LIKE THIS...
YIIPE!
STOP ME THE NEXT TIME AROUND! THIS IS MY STATION!
YOU WONDERFUL MAN, YOU! I'M FALLING FOR YOU!
THEN WHY DO I HAVE TO DO THE FALLING?
OH, MY! ARE YOU HURT, SWEETIE?
YEEEOW!
I THINK YOU GOT THE P-P-POINT!
S-S-SORRY, MADAME LA RHUMBA! I GOTTA GO NOW! G'BYE!

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D GET AWAY FROM HER ALIVE! NOW THAT I CAN DANCE, THOUGH, I'LL GET TO DANCE WITH THAT BEAUTIFUL GIRL!

SIGH... THERE SHE IS! I'LL ASK HER FOR THE NEXT DANCE!

TWENTY-FIVE CENTS A DANCE, SIR! DO YOU WANT THE NEXT ONE?

TWENTY-FIVE .. GULP .. CENTS?

GROAN.. MADAM LA RHUMBA'S LESSONS COST ALL THE MONEY I HAD!

WHY.. ON SECOND THOUGHT.. I THINK I'LL GO HOME.. GULP... AND KILL MYSELF!

GOLLY.. WHAT A BREAK! I FINALLY FIND A BEAUTIFUL GIRL TO DANCE WITH AND I CAN'T!

SURE YOU CAN, SWEETIE! LET'S GO BACK TO MY PLACE!

OHHHHHHHH NO!

PLASTIC MAN

A TRAP FOR RUSTLERS

TEX nosed his horse Lucky through the gate and up the lane that led to the Bar X Ranch! The surroundings were familiar but he'd never before seen any of the ranch hands who stood around and certainly not Emmet Dalton, the owner! Dalton had been there only a year but he'd already beat enough people out of their land to own half the county! Or so Tex thought! He hopped off his horse as Dalton came sauntering toward him!

"Want something here, stranger?" he asked.

"Yeah," answered Tex, "a job! Rumor has it you're looking for men! I'm a good cow-poke and besides—" and he gave Dalton a knowing nod—"I'm an expert at burning a brand!"

Dalton frowned but invited him inside! To burn a brand was to blot out one with another, the general practice in those days for cattle thieves!

"What's your name and where'd you get the idea I want a hand like that?" asked Dalton!

"My name's Tex . . . er . . . Lamson! And I'm just telling you what I can do! Got run out of Rocky Range in Montana and thought Wyoming might be safer!"

"But," he continued, walking toward the door, "maybe I better start hittin' the trail! Maybe I got you all wrong and I don't want to get turned in!"

"You can stay on here a while," ventured Dalton, following after Tex! "We'll see how you work out!"

The plan was okay but Tex decided to play it easy! That night in the bunk house, he batted the breeze with the men but made a point of not prying into the business of the Bar X too much! And he could see that the hands had been warned to watch what they said, too! It took about two weeks for him to become fully trusted and he managed it by tossing around a few words in front of the foreman to indicate that he had been tangled up in a rustling fracas and was in no mood to meet the law!

One morning, Dalton took him into his confidence! "I can use you," he told Tex! "I'm in your racket and right now I'm after old Ted Fremont's herd! We've rustled part of it but I want the rest! Then he'll be broke and have to sell out cheap! And he has the water hole!"

"I get it," grinned Tex! "What do you want me to do?"

"He lives down the road with his daughter Nancy! They've never seen you! Tell 'em you're a Government man and came to tip them off that rustlers are around and they'd better get their cattle into Dry Creek Canyon! We'll round 'em out of there about midnight Tuesday!"

Dalton looked at Tex with a devilish grin! "Do as I say," he said, "or you'll be sorry! I'll have somebody watching to see that you carry out orders!"

Tex stood talking to old Tad Fremont and Nancy, telling them the lie! But lazily, with his toe, he was writing in the red soil: DRY CREEK CANYON MIDNIGHT TUESDAY! Then he sauntered toward the gate, leaped into Lucky's saddle, and rode away!

The sheriff and a posse of Dalton's dispossessed and angered neighboring ranchers were waiting to catch the men when they herded Fremont's cattle up ramps and into covered wagons! They had long suspected Emmet Dalton of being the brains behind the rustling racket but had never before been able to prove it! This time, they had him dead to rights and Tex was the hero!

The sheriff slapped him on the back! "Good work, boy," he said! "Didn't dare to let anybody know I knew you before! But it's mighty fine to have you back!"

With the cattle thieves on their way to the jail, the sheriff and a few men and Tex and Nancy and old Tad all rode to the Bar X! Dalton was dragged bodily from the ranch house, protesting his innocence! But when he passed Tex and saw him with his arm around Nancy, he flared into a fit of anger that was an admission of his guilt!

"So," he screamed, "you double-crossed me! Went sweet for the dame, huh?"

"I've been sweet on her for a long time," Tex said, giving Nancy a big hug!

"In fact, Dalton, I know everybody around here but you and your gang of rustlers! I grew up here! Left a couple of years ago to travel with a rodeo!"

Then he added, "Nancy planned this whole thing! She suspected you all the time! She suggested I leave the show and try to trap you, Emmet Dalton!"

"Pretty smart little girl, huh?" Tex asked, giving her a kiss on the cheek as Dalton glared! "She's my kid sister, you see! And Tad Fremont is my dad!"

WOOZY! STOP! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING!

PERFECT! PERFECT! EVERYTHING IS GOING ACCORDING TO MY PLAN!

PLASTIC MAN

HYPNO, MASTER OF MYSTERY

WHEN HYPNO, THE GREAT, MASTER OF HYPNOSIS, DETERMINES TO DISPOSE OF PLASTIC MAN, HE'S JUST ASKING FOR TROUBLE! AND PLASTIC MAN HAS TO DO SOME FAST THINKING TO SEE THAT HE GETS IT!

NOW THAT THINGS HAVE QUIETED DOWN A LITTLE, I HOPE YOU CAN STAY OUT OF MISCHIEF FOR A WHILE!

AW, GEE, PLAS! SOMETIMES I THINK YOU THINK I'M A TROUBLE-MAKER!

AND YOU'RE SO RIGHT!

HEY, DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?

PLASTIC MAN

WOOZY, I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE SO INTERESTED IN HYPNOSIS!

WHO'S INTERESTED IN THAT? JUST LOOK AT THAT BEAUTIFUL GIRL! I'VE JUST GOT TO KNOW HER BETTER!

HYPNO, The MASTER HYPNOTIST — DEMONSTRATION AT 8:30

YOU'RE JUST LOOKING FOR TROUBLE AND YOU CAN COUNT ME OUT!

SEE HYPNO THE GREAT TONIGHT at 8:30

A MAN SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO FOLLOW HIS OWN INTERESTS... SEE YOU LATER, PLAS!

MAYBE SOMEDAY PLAS WILL REALIZE THAT I CAN TAKE GOOD CARE OF MYSELF!

MAYBE SHE'S IN HERE!

BURLY, ISN'T THIS ONE MAGNIFICENT? WE'LL SMUGGLE THIS AND THE OTHER LOOT OUT TONIGHT!

PARDON ME, BUT I'M LOOKING FOR A YOUNG LADY!

THERE AIN'T NO DAMES IN HERE!

GEE, I WONDER WHERE SHE WENT!

I RECOGNIZE THAT MAN! HE'S PLASTIC MAN'S SIDEKICK! AND I THINK WE CAN USE HIM TO SMUGGLE THESE JEWELS OUT WITHOUT ANY TROUBLE... FROM THAT INTERFERING PLASTIC MAN!

I SAY, THERE! MAYBE WE CAN HELP YOU AFTER ALL!

I AM HYPNO THE GREAT AND THIS IS MY ASSISTANT, MR. BURLY!

PLEASED TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE, BUT THE GIRL?

I CAN HELP YOU WITH YOUR PROBLEM! I CAN SHOW YOU HOW YOU CAN MAKE WOMEN SWOON AT YOUR FEET!

YOU CAN? OH, BOY!

NOW LISTEN VERY CAREFULLY AND DO EVERYTHING I TELL YOU! AND EVERY GIRL WHO MEETS YOU WILL FIND YOU IRRESISTIBLE!

GO AHEAD, MR. HYPNO! YOU CAN COUNT ON MY COMPLETE COOPERATION!

YOU ARE GETTING SLEEPY, VERY SLEEPY! YOUR EYELIDS ARE GETTING HEAVY…

NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT ;YAWN; I THINK A NAP WOULD DO ME GOOD!

YOU CAN'T CONTROL YOUR DROWSINESS! YOU ARE DROPPING OFF TO SLEEP… SLEEP!

BZZZzzz!

WELL, YOU SURE GOT HIM HYPNOTIZED FAST, BOSS! WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

NOW I USE THE POWER OF SUGGESTION AND MAKE OUR FAT FRIEND THE WEAPON FOR PLASTIC MAN'S DESTRUCTION!

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YOU ARE ASLEEP, BUT YOU CAN HEAR ME! LISTEN CAREFULLY NOW! YOU W'LL GO TO PLASTIC MAN AND PERSUADE HIM TO ACCOMPANY YOU TO A HOUSE ON LAUREL DRIVE! YOU WILL BOTH GO TO THE FRONT DOOR AND RING THE BELL!

PLASTIC MAN

LATER...

WOOZY, WHY HAVE YOU DRAGGED ME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE TO LAUREL DRIVE?

I'M A FIRM BELIEVER IN LONG BRISK WALKS IN THE COUNTRY! C'MON, PLAS, THERE'S THE HOUSE!

WOOZY, WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? YOU'RE ACTING LIKE A MAN IN A TRANCE!

WE MUST RING THE DOORBELL... WE MUST RING IT!

NO, YOU DON'T! WOOZY, COME BACK HERE! THERE'S SOMETHING MIGHTY PECULIAR ABOUT ALL OF THIS!

BUT THE DOORBELL-

WELL IF YOU'RE SO DETERMINED, WE'LL RING IT, BUT AT A SAFE DISTANCE!

BUT PLAS, IT'S IMPORTANT SO THAT THE GIRLS WILL SWOON OVER ME...

WOOZY YOU SOUND DELIRIOUS! I'M GOING TO RING THAT DOORBELL, JUST TO SEE WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT! THEN I'M TAKING YOU TO A DOCTOR!

WELL, HERE GOES!

WOOZY, DUCK! WATCH OUT FOR THESE FLYING ROCKS!

HUH?

BAROOM!

PLASTIC MAN

THAT HOUSE MUST HAVE BEEN MINED! AND WHEN I RANG THE BELL, I SET OFF THE EXPLOSIVES! WHEW, THAT WAS A CLOSE CALL! BUT, WOOZY, HOW DO YOU FIT INTO THIS?

OOF!

KONK!

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WOOZY, OLD PAL! SPEAK TO ME, BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF EXPLAINING TO DO!

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HUH? HELLO, PLAS! WHAT ARE WE DOING WAY OUT HERE? AND WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT BEAUTIFUL GIRL?

WE'RE OUT ON LAUREL DRIVE! THERE ARE NO BEAUTIFUL GIRLS AROUND HERE AND YOU DRAGGED ME OUT TO THIS PLACE! DON'T YOU REMEMBER?

THE LAST THING I REMEMBER IS GOING INTO THAT BUILDING AFTER THE GIRL AND MEETING MR. HYPNO···AND TAKING A NAP!

WHY, WOOZY WINKS! YOU REALLY WERE IN A TRANCE! YOU WERE HYPNO-TIZED!

YEAH, THAT MR HYPNO SURE LOOKED AT ME FUNNY!

AND APPARENTLY HE WAS USING YOU TO GET ME OUT OF THE WAY··· PERMANENTLY!

OH, PLAS, I WOULDN'T DO A THING LIKE THAT TO ANY-BODY! ESPECIALLY MY BEST FRIEND!

YOU COULDN'T HELP IT! WHEN YOU'RE IN A TRANCE, YOU HAVE TO DO EVERY-THING THE HYPNOTIST TELLS YOU TO DO!

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LATER···

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NOW YOU GO TO HYPNO PRETEND YOU RE STILL IN A TRANCE AND TELL HIM YOU'VE ACCOMPLISHED YOUR MISSION!

PLASTIC MAN

I'M GOING THROUGH WITH MY DEMONSTRATION TONIGHT, BUT I'LL MEET YOU AT THE AIRPORT AT MIDNIGHT!

THINGS WORKED OUT ALL RIGHT! IN FACT... VERY VERY GOOD!

I'LL SAY THEY DID! AND I HAVE TO TAKE THE CREDIT FOR THAT! MY INGENIOUS POWER WORKED PRETTY SUCCESSFULLY I MUST ADMIT!

THERE'S SOMEONE OUTSIDE! HIDE THE STUFF!

SURE THING, BOSS!

KNOCK! KNOCK! KNOCK

YOU?

I DIDN'T GO NEAR THE HOUSE -- PLASTIC MAN RANG THE DOORBELL! THE HOUSE EXPLODED -- LOOKED EVERYWHERE -- COULDN'T FIND HIM! HE MUSTA BEEN BLOWN TO BITS!

OUR FAT LITTLE FRIEND HAS DONE HIS JOB WELL, ALTHOUGH I'M AMAZED THAT HE SURVIVED! ANYHOW, THEY'LL NEVER TRACE THAT EXPLOSION TO US!

GEE, I'M REALLY GIVING A TERRIFIC PERFORMANCE! I SHOULDA BEEN AN ACTOR!

AH! NOW WE'LL DEAL WITH YOU! THEN WE'RE GONNA HAVE A BIG DINNER THINKING OF YOU! HERE ALONE!

OH, NO! THE THOUGHT OF IT MAKES ME HUNGRY AND I JUST HAD A BIG LUNCH!

YOU DID A GOOD JOB, WOOZY! I JUST SAW HYPNO AND HIS PAL LEAVE HERE LOOKING VERY PLEASED WITH THEMSELVES!

GEE, PLAS! I'M SO GLAD TO SEE YOU! SAY, YOU DON'T HAVE A SANDWICH ON YOU, DO YOU?

SOMETHING THAT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN FOOD RIGHT NOW IS KNOWING WHAT THESE GUYS ARE UP TO! NOW TELL ME EVERYTHING YOU FOUND OUT ABOUT THEM AND THEIR PLANS!

That NIGHT...

THIS EMERALD BRACELET ··· FOR YOU··· TAKE IT! YOU ASKED ME TO BRING IT!

MADAM, THE PLEASURE IS MINE!

THIS ALONE WILL BRING SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS! BUT I'D BETTER GET HER OUT OF HER TRANCE AND GET TO THE AIRPORT!

HYPNO The GREAT • MASTER HYPNOTIST

YOU ARE WAKING UP SLOWLY··· SLOWLY! WHEN YOU ARE FULLY AWAKE, YOU WILL REMEMBER NOTHING THAT HAPPENED WHILE YOU SLEPT!

OH! OH, HELLO THERE, MR. HYPNO! THAT WAS A SPLENDID DEMONSTRATION YOU GAVE THIS EVENING! I ENJOYED EVERY MINUTE OF IT!

I HAVE THE JEWELS IN THIS SUITCASE! START THE MOTORS AND LET'S GET GOING!

GET SET, BOSS! WE'RE ON OUR WAY!

HEY, THAT'S A REAL ELEGANT RUBY RING! WHO DID YOU LIFT IT FROM?

BURLY, I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS RING BEFORE! IT'S NOT PART OF THE LOOT! WHERE IN THE WORLD DID IT COME FROM?

BOSS, YOU'VE BEEN COLLECTING SO MUCH JEWELRY IN THE LAST TWO DAYS, YOU JUST CAN'T KEEP TRACK OF IT ALL!

HMM! PERHAPS YOU'RE RIGHT!

IF YOU WILL PERMIT ME A BIT OF HUMOR... WE MAY BE RIDING HIGH NOW BUT WHEN WE SELL THESE JEWELS, WE'LL REALLY BE RIDING HIGH!

HEY, BOSS! THE MOTOR SOUNDS FUNNY! YOU'D BETTER PUT ON YOUR PARA-CHUTE!

KNOCK! KNOCK! KNOCK!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS! I CHECKED THE MOTOR BEFORE THE TAKE-OFF AND IT WAS IN GOOD CONDITION!

THE RUBY RING! IT'S GONE!

THAT MOTOR ISN'T GOING TO HOLD OUT! WE'LL HAVE TO JUMP FOR IT, BOSS! WANT ME TO CARRY THE JEWELS?

NO THANKS! IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T TRUST YOU, BURLY, BUT THAT RING VANISHING IN THIN AIR AROUSES MY SUSPICIONS!

PERHAPS THIS BUSINESS OF THE PLANE IS ALL TO THE GOOD! I'LL TRY TO SLIP AWAY AND THEN I WON'T HAVE TO SHARE THE LOOT WITH BURLY!

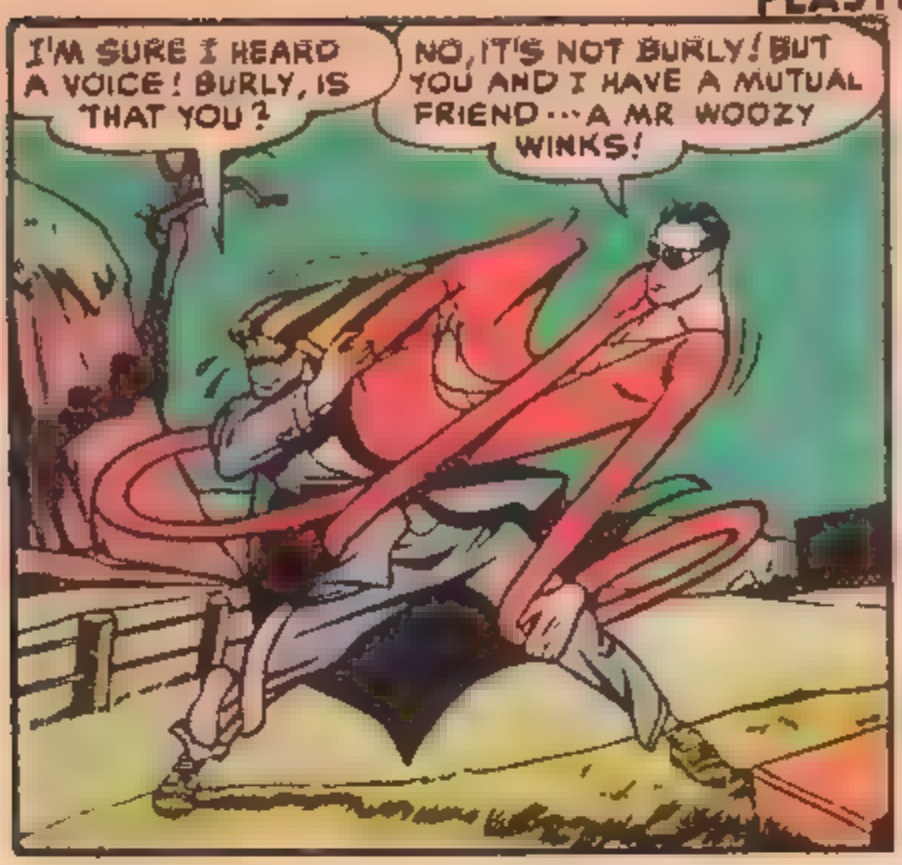
THIS IS A VERY CURIOUS PARACHUTE... BRIGHT RED! OH, WELL! IT'S DOING ITS JOB OF GETTING ME SAFELY TO THE GROUND!

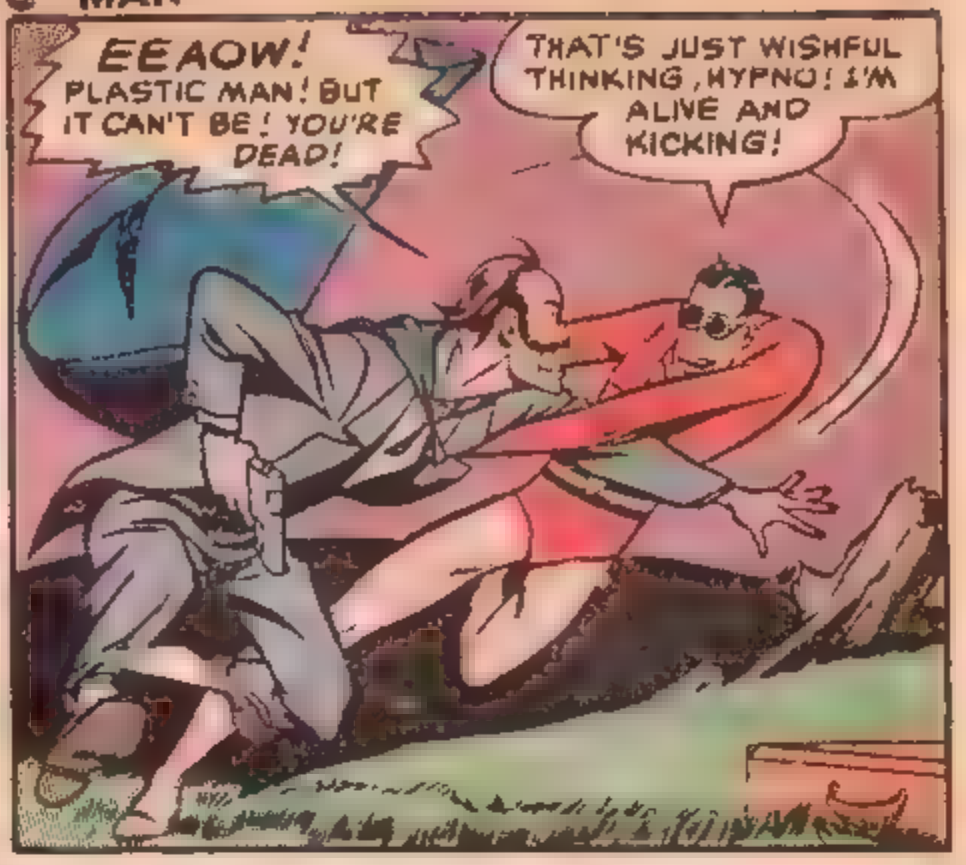
OOF! NOW TO SHED THIS CHUTE QUICKLY AND SLIP AWAY!

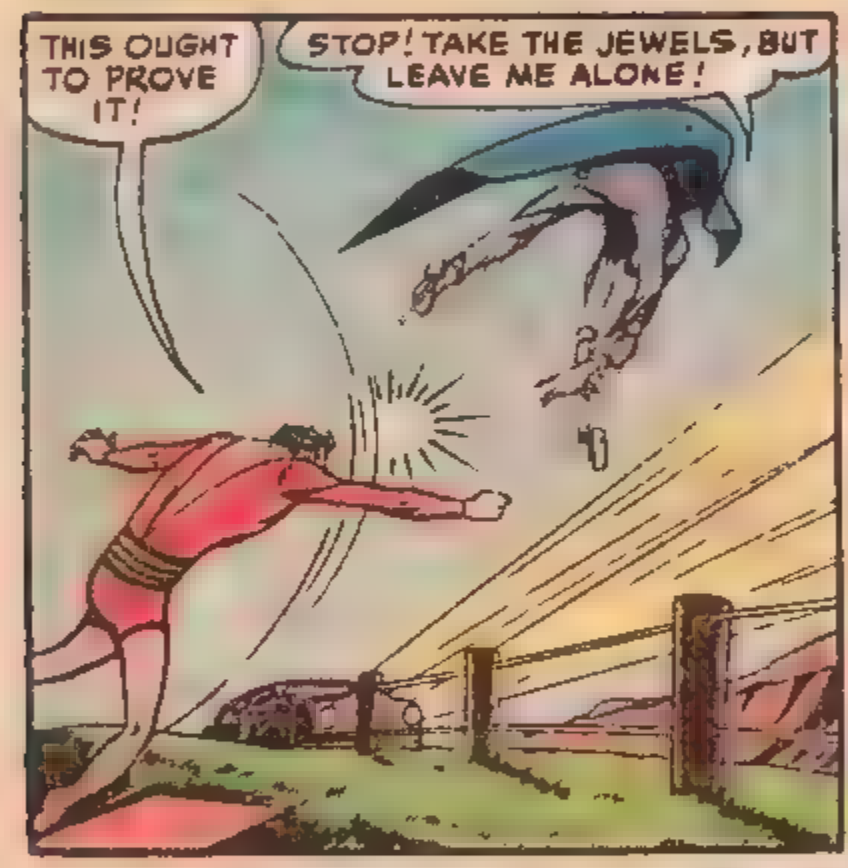
WHAT'S WRONG? I MUST WORK MYSELF LOOSE!

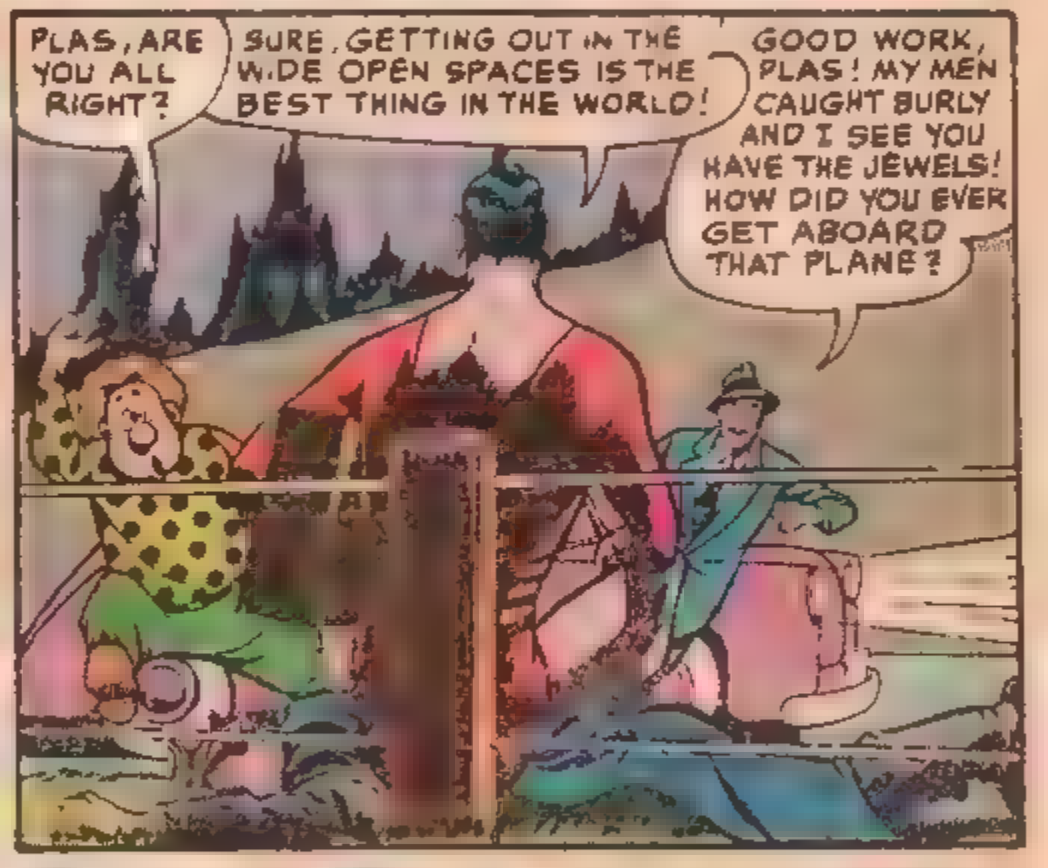
IT WON'T BE EASY!

PLASTIC MAN

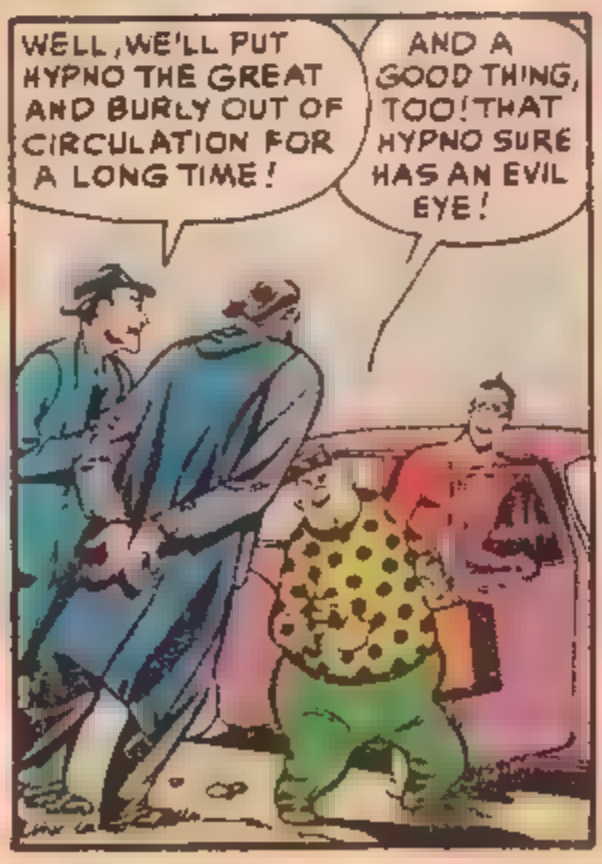

I'M SURE I HEARD A VOICE! BURLY, IS THAT YOU?
NO, IT'S NOT BURLY! BUT YOU AND I HAVE A MUTUAL FRIEND ··· A MR WOOZY WINKS!

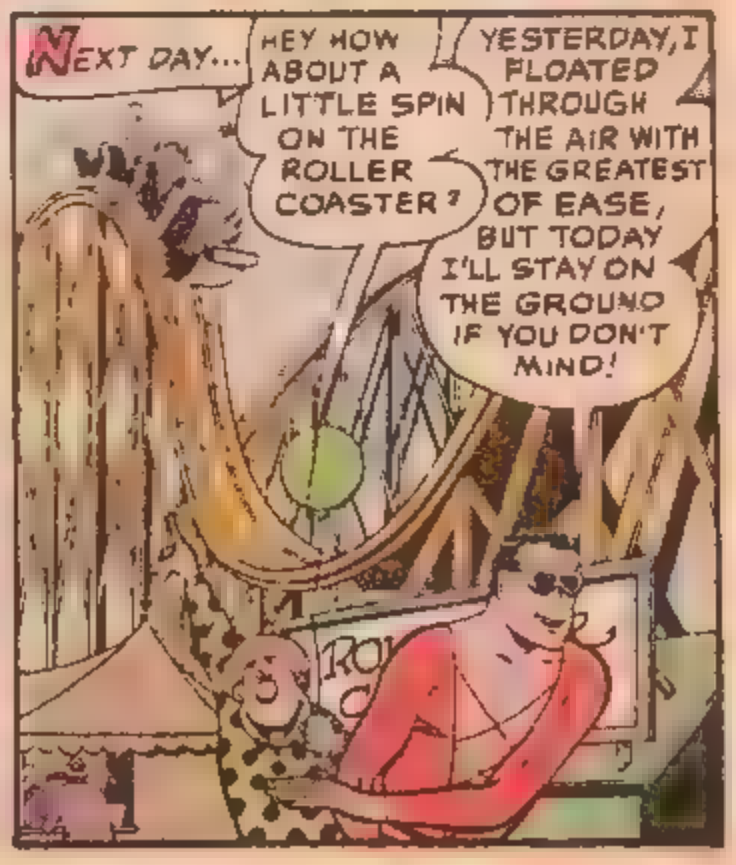

EEAOW! PLASTIC MAN! BUT IT CAN'T BE! YOU'RE DEAD!
THAT'S JUST WISHFUL THINKING, HYPNO! I'M ALIVE AND KICKING!


THIS OUGHT TO PROVE IT!
STOP! TAKE THE JEWELS, BUT LEAVE ME ALONE!


PLAS, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
SURE, GETTING OUT IN THE WIDE OPEN SPACES IS THE BEST THING IN THE WORLD!
GOOD WORK, PLAS! MY MEN CAUGHT BURLY AND I SEE YOU HAVE THE JEWELS! HOW DID YOU EVER GET ABOARD THAT PLANE?

WELL, CHIEF ··· IF I SAY SO MYSELF, I WAS A PRETTY GOOD-LOOKING RUBY RING! AND THE MOTOR CONKED OUT BECAUSE THERE WAS SAND IN IT, PLACED THERE BY YOURS TRULY!


WELL, WE'LL PUT HYPNO THE GREAT AND BURLY OUT OF CIRCULATION FOR A LONG TIME!
AND A GOOD THING, TOO! THAT HYPNO SURE HAS AN EVIL EYE!


NEXT DAY...
HEY HOW ABOUT A LITTLE SPIN ON THE ROLLER COASTER?
YESTERDAY, I FLOATED THROUGH THE AIR WITH THE GREATEST OF EASE, BUT TODAY I'LL STAY ON THE GROUND IF YOU DON'T MIND!

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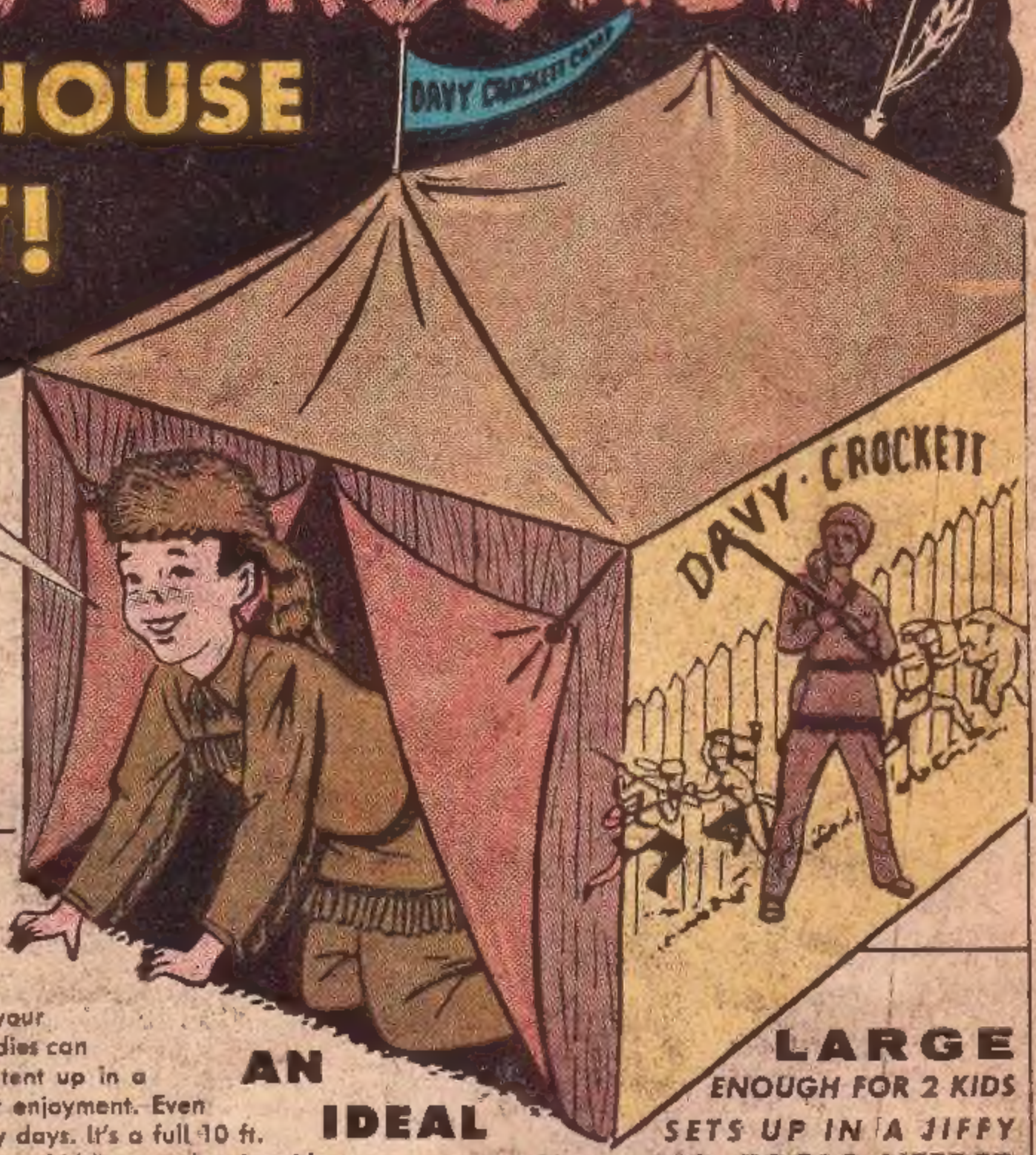

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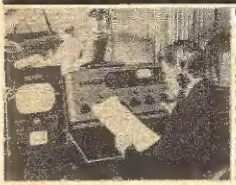

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